

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Bradford et al.**

§ Group Art Unit: **2154**

Serial No.: **Not Assigned**

§ Examiner: **Vu, Viet Duy**

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For: **Path Balancing Apparatus and Method**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, the extension is requested and I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545.

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page one, before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of application number 09/453,657,
filed November 17, 1999, status allowed.